

March 26, 1931

Rev. B. J. Bingle  
Cordova,  
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bingle:

Your letter of March 13 has been received and your reaction to the tentative proposal which I laid before you is very interesting and helpful. It may be of interest to you to know that so far all of my correspondents in Alaska seem to feel exactly as you do. When the replies are all in, I shall digest them and then our Division will make an appropriate response to the Methodists.

We have not yet arranged for the printing of the map on Alaska. As I intimated to you once before, it will cost between \$500. and \$600. The Division of Promotion does not seem to have the money in their budget. However, we are going to make one more attempt to secure favorable action. Whatever the action is, I will report it to you.

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

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Cordova, Alaska

Mar. 13, 1931

Dr. A. J. Montgomery  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave. - N. Y.

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My dear Dr. Montgomery:

Your questions regarding the exchange with the Methodists of work in Alaska. Soda appears to me to be somewhat like the fellow selling Rabbit Sausage under the wrong name. When questioned he said a \$8.50 proportion is one rabbit and one horse.

As to the work in this part of Alaska I must say I am strongly and absolutely opposed to such a trade.

1<sup>st</sup> The amount of money required from the Board would be in my opinion, <sup>at least</sup> I think over what is required for Anchorage. We cannot adequately care for that which we now have and should do - adden burden would hinder.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Methodists have had a struggle with Nome - The Hospital is good there now - but to give them Anchorage which in Methodist salaries almost self supporting in exchange for something which costs them much money - Well they are fools if they don't fall for it if they can get it - but how about us? - Why assume more burden?

3<sup>rd</sup> The Yukon Presbytery would then be no more. Our contacts with S. E. Alaska are impossible for Presbytery work. The distance is too great, time too valuable, interests different. Air transportation from Nome to such meeting too costly to alternate towns for said meeting. - Dr. Hunt from Pt. Barrow cannot come - Nome is just as bad. - Part of the time the Congregationalists have a man there - as at present. therefore no chance for a quorum.

4<sup>th</sup> Unfair to Anchorage. - They have had some say in selecting men for their fields. - In the Methodist system there is no say & the policy for that church is not here. You can see



(Thank for your reaction on the mch. What have you found about Anchorage?)

it in many moves, is to send ministers who cannot make good outside - broken down men etc. - 3 yrs. they must stay. - Seward is a good illustration of that right now. The man sent there has anything but made good. I like him, enjoyed being in his home, but his gospel is being accepted with resistance. He scarcely has a corporal's guard out. (Perhaps we are not much better) But he is the first they have had in a long time. - I say it is unfair to Anchorage.

5<sup>th</sup> We have builded up our work - kept it in good shape. The best it has been for some time, more spiritual people in the churches, I am not so certain from reports I have heard about the North Country. In fact the Methodist sustained a very questionable man up there - as to morals - & the loss of workers. Now why should we take it over. (Reports from North Alaska state the moral attitudes & which the Protestant missionaries have dropped into is tragic. - So much fall down & our forces have dropped too.) - I am opposed to giving over this good Anchorage territory for Nome which is sitting next to the top of the world, off the beaten highway of life.

6<sup>th</sup> The methodists may be stronger for <sup>having</sup> Anchorage but the results & then are small indeed compared with loss to us. They can consolidate their work around Cook inlet alright. They have all kinds of work to do over there, have about 3 men over there but as yet little ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> to be covered. Anchorage man cannot work South of A. he must & do just the work his own town & points north. Such consolidation is more of a play on words for material gains desired.

The figures they give are not all that is to be considered. There is that which I have only quoted in brief. - for S.E. Alaska I feel as if they should decide. yet I am not so sure in trading that they give little but property and gain much - in membership & good work that Falconer built up. Their work is not so builded up.

25 I need a <sup>little</sup> ~~little~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~ can be of assistance to you. - Sincerely, B. J. Bingle.



May 28, 1931

Rev. B. J. Bingle  
Cordova, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bingle:

Your letter of May 9 has been received and as I am on my way to the General Assembly tonight I shall be able to check up on what the promotion folks have done for Alaska. If our Board had the entire responsibility for the promotion work and the promotion material, the program would be simpler, although it would be serious enough, at that.

The General Council has appointed a Committee to take charge of all the publicity at the General Assembly. This year it is in charge of a minister named Dowey. He is putting on some kind of an exhibit which he calls "The Presbyterian World in Pittsburgh." I know very little about it except that they wanted our department to get a lot of native clothes like parkas, etc. and train a lot of people to represent an igloo. I was unable to co-operate with this because of the fact that this year we are cut down to the point where I do not have in my budget a single penny for promotion. I think it may be good; I say nothing about that, but I do not have the means to put on that type of publicity. What they have done besides that, I do not know. At their request I have sent some Alaska pictures. Just how much they may be able to do for Alaska, I cannot say, but I shall see for myself when I get there.

We closed the year with a shortage of \$174,000. We shall report no shortage to the General Assembly for the reason that the Board has set aside \$140,000. estimated income from the Harkness Fund for the year beginning April 1, 1931, as a credit against this shortage. In addition to that our new Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Wonacott, has gone out and my understanding is that he has gotten the balance - \$34,000. in cash subscriptions, but the financial situation is extremely uncertain. People are jumpy. It seems almost certain that the Board, which is to meet tonight, at Pittsburgh, may take some action reducing the expenditures under the budget already made for the current year. These are very uninteresting and gloomy facts, but it is necessary to state them in order to show the background in which we have to do our work today.

All of this has been to lead up to the point of the Alaska map. I have pressed upon the Promotion Division the necessity of having it published, but they feel that their budget has been cut so much that it is impossible to do it just now, and so the matter hangs right there, but I have faith to believe that better times are ahead and that some way will be found by which this map may be published regularly by the Board and issued soon as one of its publications.



Rev. B. J. Bingle -2- May 28, 1931

It may be some comfort to you to know that everyone who has seen this map recognizes its value. The only question that agitates us is the brutal one of the cash. If we had the money—

I expect to see Mr. Youel from your presbytery and Pederson from the other presbytery.

With kind regards and many good wishes, I am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
- Cordova, Alaska.

MAY 7 1931  
May 9, 1931.

Dr. A. J. Montgomery  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Montgomery:

I am thinking very much in terms of General Assembly these days, wishing of course that it were possible for me to again attend. Those days were so worth while for me last year. I hope they will be even more so when I get to attend again. On the contrary I hope to be more worth while tooby that date.

One thing keeps coming into my mind so much, how every country under the wide skies was on display when we arrived - all but Alaska. I promised I would do something for this next year. I mentioned it to brother Youel as delegate. I do not know what he has in readiness. I wrote Dr. Somerndike about the matter and I wish to say it again to you, if that map we made will be of any assistance please see that it gets there. It is however so crude that I hate to have it displayed. But if it will put Alaska on the map be sure that it gets on the display right from the first. I am sure Mr. Riggs who so eagerly listened to things of this country would be pleased to take care of that matter if there is no one else.

I am writing a very good friend of mine today on this boat, he is Supt. of the National Cash Register Co. at Dayton Ohio and is sole administrator of their branch factory at Rochester- I think it is located there. I am going to ask him if he has a drafting dept. that would be glad to make up that Alaskan map. He is very much interested in this country, I spent some little time with him both here and at Dayton. He is heart and soul a Christian too,-- not a Presbyterian. He cannot no more than turn me down. I was hoping he would give a low price. My sourdough friend suggests it too.

So far I believe that our program for this year has far exceeded any that I have ever been able to carry out. I want no credit, just so people learn to know and love Jesus Christ more. The Young married people have heart to heart discussions everyother Mon. night, better than any prayer meeting ever attended. My men folks are doing some things on the same line, not so deep however but mighty fine. Wed. evening the girls of the S.S. invited their mothers to a dinner here in the church and 66 ate dinner. What a grand preliminary to mother's day. While we did not let down to what I think are unholy things to get church finance I believe that we are surely pulling them up by our stand. The Lord never lets us fail if we stay by Him.

Thanks for your kindness and help.

B. J. Bingle



June 22, 1931

Rev. B. J. Bingle  
Cordova, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bingle:

I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your letter of June 13, to Dr. Montgomery. He is at present attending the meeting of the Synod of New Mexico. On his return to the city, your letter will have his attention.

Under date of June 20, Dr. Montgomery wrote you regarding the map. You have undoubtedly received his letter before this. It evidently crossed with yours of the 13th. In his letter Dr. Montgomery told you that he had handed the map to Mr. Southard, the artist, who would work over it during the summer and submit in the fall a definite estimate of the cost.

Yours very cordially

For A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department



JUN 22 1931

Cordova, Alaska.  
June 13, 1931.

Dr. A. J. <sup>III</sup>Montgomery  
Board of National Missions  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Montgomery:

Your letter of May 28, rec'd. I did not mean for you to go to all that trouble about that map. That thing will be more trouble than it is worth soon. I was just trying to get the original, with the goats in person, to be on display at the General Assembly. Last year they had nothing so I did not want them to have the same amount this year. Let us forget it for the present or until funds come, or until my friend who is Supt. of the National Cash Register might respond favorably. At least you will not hear me say anything for some time.

We are just begining to enjoy the national prosperity that has been so universal on the outside for about a year and onehalf now. I was up at the mines at Kennecott the other day and there were too many head men confering with one another for comfort. Well the cut did not go so deeply as was thought it might but all development work was discontinued, the leaching plant was closed and the Erie mine, a part of Kennecott, was shut down. Dame rumor has it that anything thing else might develope within the next few months if the price of copper remains where it is. -- You can conceive the state of anxiety that is <sup>relevant</sup> ~~relevant~~ now, everyone has turned Scotch. Our church budget only fell behind 50 dollars last month, we were out of the red for the first time in 6 or more years as far as local obligation were concerned., that is if not considering the salary which I did not get. I do not like to take too much of a cut again. For the last few months they have done well, I think.-- Now??



Anyway we are all in the same condition, some will be hit much harder than I. This is a good test of one's Christian religion. When all are hit, ministers alike, and if the minister can keep on smiling and say, "keep on keeping on" I think he will have won still greater place in their hearts. But that is hard on the board bill. But the minister needs to live in the same sacrificial way his people live and still work and still live above it.

I had a fine response at Tenacott the last time. I believe I am safe in saying, not boasting at all, that our work and position at Tenacott is better all the time. I say that with prayers on my lips. I need to be still more a part of their lives.

Thanks for the effort to locate seeds for the gardens of the natives up the Copper River from here. I was able to locate some from the good folks of the Twin Falls tract in Idaho, that place is just like home to me. Now the natives have all their gardens planted in regular white fashion, all marked off and looking pretty, and they seem to be proud of the same. They had to dig a deep well in some very hard ground to get water for irrigation but they are doing it. I hope to be able to visit there this next month or Aug. and see how they all are coming. Thanks so very much. We will get in touch with the station at Sitka so that we will be able to get things lined up in advance next year. The good old church folks saved the day for the Indians.-- And what a contribution. That work should have been started years ago. I certainly am interested in getting constructive work started for the natives in this whole section. I hope as the years come and go, if I can hold out that long, I can be able to make some worthy contribution to the folks up here in this so new a country, and so interesting. -- Have I said too much.-- just for the Master. You need not answer this letter, you are busy. Thanks again for your kindness and help.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle



How would you like this life? This is just an every day experience.

Mr. Adolph Ammann was a visitor in town yesterday. He and Mrs. Ammann left here in March with two horses and shoveled part of the way in three feet of snow to the Copper River property twenty miles from here, and then three horses ran away and left them about so they started out looking for them and walked until they came to the Copper River. The horses had swam across so Mrs. Ammann is waiting in a cabin at Horsecreek while Mr. Ammann came across the river with the Indians in a boat after the horses and thought he might as well hike 8 miles further for his mail. Mr. and Mrs. Ammann are very good prospectors and strong, too, as they are past seventy and have been making this hard trip every year for nearly 30 years to do their assessment work on 144 claims. It is hard to get interested now, but when the price of copper gets back to where it belongs, they hope to do some business and retire at their old age.

We notice that there are a lot of interesting Chitina items being published in the Cordova Daily Times. That adds very much to the value of the paper in this section.

YOUNG ONE DROWNS

A few days ago on the east side of the Copper River a little moose and it's mother were seen roaming around on the sandbars. The mother thinking of a swim took to the water and swam to the opposite shore. The young one trying to take the example of it's mother stepped into the swift current and was drowned in an effort to swim to the other side.

THE OLD PROSPECTORS HOME

Announcing The Old Prospectors Home to be published in the next issue (By John H. Blake)

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Jane Darnst and Kenneth Corbin saw a big brown bear in front of the tent of Thursday May. 5. Darnst shot and wounded the bear. The boys followed but the bear finally succeeded in escaping, due to the thick under brush.

NABESNA SOON IN OPERATION

Reports from the Nabesna Mine show that the work there is progressing even better than expected. It is expected that the mine will be in operation in the middle of June. The mill has a capacity of 35 tons of ore a day. The ore probably carries 50 dollars to the ton, there are 30 days in a month; now figure it out for yourselves.

NEW BARBERS

Ed Miller is going to be the new barber. He guarantees to cut hair short and curly. He is going to take the place of Mrs. Lee Smalley former barber. We all hope he will give a marcell wave to MEN women and children as Mrs. Smalley did.

COMPLIMENTS TO "TIME"

"Time" the weekly newsmagazine gave the Herald a boost which we could not have gotten for one thousand dollars. In their May 25 issue they published a letter which we recently sent to them, also a number of items and a joke. "Time", through it's fine write up gave of 40 to 50 subscriptions which we could not receive any other way. We might get a bushel next week. We give our greatest thanks to "Time". Letters from all over U.S.A. came.

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REQUESTED BY MOTHERS

"Mark Time"

Some young folks are right now finding it hard to get in on time at night. Now that it is daylight almost all night. Bed times have been advanced for all. Most of the Alaskan boys have watches. Most houses have clocks. Even Indians have clocks. So well, Nels Sirby - "Will you get you if you don't watch out."



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## EDITORIAL COLUMN OF THE WEEKLY HERALD

## CHANGE IN FUR

During the past few years the fur bearing animals have migrated to the coast. There seems to be no reason for this except that they have migrated for the want of food. The rabbits or birds all died off and disappeared a few years ago and the fur animals went south to the coast where they could get fish to eat. Now that the rabbits and birds are showing up again we can look for the lynx to come back this next winter. The backwoodsman have been having a hard time obtaining furs from rabbits and such animals. Even though the migration of these has gone on for nearly two years it is expected that the winter of 1931 will bring a change over the fur and birds and that they will again live abundantly in the interior.

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We have read that the Lord tempers the wind to the sheared lamb. We were reminded of this a few days ago when we saw some of the Natives showing somewhat less wrinkles than they have for some time. We knew that the fish had come up the river and plenty of them.

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## KEEP SOMETHING IN YOUR EYE

The HERALD is of the opinion it is none to early to inform it's readers that next winter will be a tough one. Last winter was prosperity compared to what we can look for in the winter ahead of us. Any one who has a chance to work for good wages this summer and does not have enough at the end of the year to see him comfortably through the winter deserves to stand in the bread line and beg for turnips, and probably he will. The ones who will deserve help are the ones that have no chance at a job. Of course the Moon-skinners and Bootleggers must live, but so must the Farmers and Cotton Growers, and we strongly advise any one spending more than half of his wages for booze. If any one says it is none of our business how he spends his money we hope he will be a good sport and say the same thing when he is broke.

## AIR RULES WILL BE STRICTER(Cont.)

Major Wright Says Alaska  
Should Be Placed on Same  
Category As Rest of The  
United States

be rigorously enforced as are the  
regulations Outside.

## Former Policy

"It has been appreciated that owing to a more or less isolated condition of the Territory relative to department of commerce supervision for the industry there has been some on the part of enforcing officials as well as lack of adherence to regulations by various operators in the Territory.(Cont. next issue)

## BIG CELEBRATION AT GULKANA

4th OF JULY

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June 29, 1961

Rev. B. J. Bingle  
Cordova, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bingle:

You have, perhaps, heard by this time that at the meeting of the General Assembly the Board held a meeting and took action asking us to reduce expenditures by 10%. This is on account of the financial depression. We are making every effort to comply with the direction of the Board.

I am only mentioning, this, however, to furnish the background for what I want to say with regard to the animated map of Alaska which you and Mr. Wolking were so good as to prepare.

I have handed it today to Mr. Southard, who without doubt is one of the best visualization artists in America. He is going to work over it during his summer vacation and when fall comes he will bring back to me his result, with estimates of cost and all of that. This will make it very much easier to finance, with a definite business proposition already out out, than it would be to secure its publication in a rather abstract manner.

I am giving you this information because of the sense of obligation which I feel toward you and Mr. Wolking for preparing it and also because I sincerely hope that out of this may grow a piece of publicity that will mean much for our beloved Alaska work.

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF EXPERIMENT STATIONS

ALASKA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS

Sitka, Alaska,

June 19, 1931

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Mr. A. J. Montgomery,  
Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 4 regarding possible agricultural work with the Indians in the neighborhood of Chitina, Alaska. We shall be glad to furnish you with such publications as we have on farming in Alaska. I am sorry to say, however, that we have no seeds for dissemination aside from turnips, a small quantity of which is being sent to Rev. B. J. Bingle. We shall be glad to cooperate with you in any way we can.

Very truly yours,

*H. W. Alberts*

Director

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July 3, 1931

Rev. A. J. Bingle  
Cordova, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bingle:

Since returning from the Synod of New Mexico I have read your letter of June 13th. No doubt you have received my letter by this time and know the situation with regard to the animated map of Alaska. I am far more anxious to have something that will reach out into the church and help thousands, than to have something simply for the General Assembly. Of course these two objects will actually work together.

The U. S. Experiment Station at Sitka informs me that they have sent some turnip seed for your use at Cordova. I hope that this is correct.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

AJM-VP



July 7, 1931

FILE

Rev. B. J. Bingle  
Cordova, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bingle:

As Dr. Montgomery is away on his vacation, I have pleasure in acknowledging your letter to him of June 27th.

I am sorry that we cannot comply with your request, as regards sending the map to Mr. Hartman, but this map is not now in the office, as Dr. Montgomery gave it on June 29th to Mr. Frank A. Southard, the artist, to work over during the summer and the understanding is that he is to submit estimates in the fall. I presume you have already received Dr. Montgomery's letter advising you of this fact. I am sorry, therefore, that for the above reason I cannot comply with your request.

On his return to the office, the middle of August, your letter will have Dr. Montgomery's personal attention.

Yours very cordially

For A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Cordova, Alaska.

June 27, 1931.

Dr. A. J. Montgomery  
Board of National Missions  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Montgomery:

Just a word asking you if you will, if you would not mind putting the map that I sent you, that little article that I have bothered you about so much, in a similar receptacle and send it to : Mr. Wm. Hartman

Route 7  
Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Hartman is Supt. of National Cash Register Co. and I have been in touch with him very much about things in Alaska, he having visited here and I in his home last summer. I am hoping and praying that he might find it possible in some way to get the map made up for you,--- if it passes inspection with him. So when you send it, send it with a prayer-----. Dont know if my faith is a little smaller than a grain of mustard seed or not. I never did like mustard anyway.

Things are going pretty good here, even better than I thought they might go. Stocks are up now and so is copper, that might hold this town in business for this winter. That mine up there is so near worked out at present with nothing big in sight right now that I fear the future right now if things stay too low. If they ever find something else of large proportions then a low price on copper would not make us sit on the edge of our chairs so much as it does right now. A letter from Somerndyke asks us not to spend any more money than we could help.- I had planned doing extra work with the fifty dollars he allowed me for this year but I am thinking now I will try getting out without spending that money for him.

Best wishes in the work. I hope you had a good visit with brother Youel.

Sincerely,

Pastor B. J. Bingle  
B. J. Bingle.



July 16, 1931.

Rev. B. J. Bingle,  
Presbyterian Church,  
Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Bingle:-

Your letter of July 3rd has been received in Dr. Montgomery's absence. Dr. Montgomery is on vacation at this time and does not expect to return to the office until about August 15th. Your letter will be brought to his attention at that time.

Sincerely yours,

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Town and Country Department.



JUL 13 1931

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
-Cordova, Alaska.

July, 3, 1931.

Dr. A. J. Montgomery  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Montgomery:

Your letter of June 19 crossed mine to you on the way to Seattle. You will therefore disregard the sending of much "animated map" to my good friend the Supt. of the National Cash Register of Dayton, Ohio. I think what you had in mind I also had in mind, so your thought takes precedent. I sorta was hoping and praying that I could get him to put up the finance himself for the printing. We will let it go for some time, seeing what results you have. ----- I would not have that map be a source of trouble between myself and the Board. I may have been pushing the thing too much, I guess that is the same old story of one being interested in his own line to the exclusion of everybody else. --- That will hold for the Eskimo work at the north also, in its relation to the whole work of the church. I have some good chats with the skipper on the Boxer that runs in there each year.

I received some seeds from Sitka, but just turnip seeds. That is all they have to give away the man in charge says. He hopes that will be the inspiration for the starting the natives in their gardening work, also keep them from having too great a gnawing feeling on the inside???. Well, he did not say that but I could not help but think how little we are yet organized by the government for some big work here in this territory. There is another prayer I am offering, each time I think of it, and that is that somehow the Educational work of the natives of this territory get divorced from politics.

I just came in from a day and one-half trip out on the Clam beds. Most of that time was spent on a short gas boat. Out there on that section of the great Pacific in one of those little cradles, steering that craft over the restless waters, taking chances that make the dry land sailor run at the very thought, makes one think of what the other fellow has to battle for the means of life. --- Then I a minister of the gospel who sits in ease and luxury, should have the presumption to tell him how he must live. --- Some things make one thoughtful and humble. Somehow we must identify ourselves more with those that suffer the isolation and hardship.

Must close, best wishes for the great work of the church. We will do all in our power to save finances and to get more. If we get the spiritual life that will come.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF EDUCATION, ALASKA DIVISION  
ALASKA NATIVE SCHOOL, MEDICAL, AND REINDEER SERVICE

Nome, Alaska. Aug. 8, 1931.

Miss Ann Bannan,  
Wales, Alaska.

Dear Miss Bannan:

I have received your letter of 4th and I am very glad to hear from you and to know that everything is well.

I knew what the village work means and knew that you are very busy. I wish to say that Lucy and I have often talk of you and your work at Wales. We heard often about your good work you did to our people at Wales. The work you had to do had been long wanted at the Village.

I am glad that the Gov't will replace the coal what they owe so long to the Mission. You must have misunderstood me in regard to the matter of coal.

I am very sorry that the organ has not work, the only trouble is in the bellows. It leaks bad. We bought that organ in the church in about 1906 or 7 out of the village collection. It was taken back and forth from church to school up to the time of 1917. I put in new bellows out of blackboard cloth in about 1915.

The people of Wales like to have you there, they appreciated the help done to them in regard to medical work. It usually takes about two years to get well acquainted with the people then you know whom you can depend on in your work.

Come over next time to King Island instead of Diomedes, we shall be glad to see you. You would find big difference in walking around the village. You would probably prefer Diomedes then.

I also hope that Dr. and Mrs Greist would come to Wales even for short visit. He would baptize the children, and reorganized the church. It would lightened some of your work then, and encourage the church members.

I have not receive a word from Dr. Greist since I left from Wales two years ago, I wonder how long they intend to stay at Barrow? I missed his letters very much often which much help to me.



Old Oonyluk of Wales came here recently with the Diomedé people. I am very glad to see him and enjoyed his visit here. He had lot of interesting news tell of Wales. He plan to go back on BOXER this trip if he can. I was surprised to see Chester S. here. He don't seem to work here just walk around the town. I wish I could him up on BOXER. It is very unsafe for him to stay here, there are many bad influencies of his age here.

I could not tell you where to find the scoop for that scale last I have seen it badly rusted. The Board once turn over the charge of Mission property to Bureau's teacher the after Dr. Greist left then some the things taken over the school house and got mixed up.

I am very sorry that I could not visit Wales again this summer as we plan to go back to the Island this month if Boxer will take us there. We came over late in July. Had we came on first part of July I would have time then.

We enjoyed the stay here going to church evry Sunday. I lead in two Sunday evening services while here. Remember us to the people at Wales we often long to be back to Wales, We Always remembered them every Sunday, over the Island.

With best wishes to you and all the people  
of Wales,

*Arthur Nagozruk*  
Arthur Nagozruk.

*D. Montgomery:*  
Arthur is Govt teacher on King Island.  
For many yes he was teacher in Wales.  
He is a superior man.  
He writes above from home.  
Believing you would be interested I forward  
it on to you, knowing Miss Benson  
can have no objection.  
But she is in error as to that coal deal being  
closed. The Bureau is ahead from 40 to 75 tons  
on coal alone — coal the Govt bought and  
paid for. But the Bureau would not be a Bureau  
were it otherwise.  
*H. O. Greist*  
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Nov.17, 1931

Mr. Frank B. Southard  
Essex Fells  
New Jersey

*Ad*

My dear Mr. Southard:

Dr. Montgomery has been out of the office so much of late that he has not had time to send you the pictures for which you asked. He is now in Florida and will not return until the last of the week. He asked me before he left to get these pictures together and send them to you and gave me a list of the same. I am enclosing them, herewith, the best ones I can find, and hope they will serve your purpose. Please return them when you have finished with them, especially the skyline picture of Barrow and the picture of Sheldon Jackson which belong to the Education and Publicity Department and are the only ones they have. They have requested me to be sure and return them after we are through with them, all of their pictures.

The list enclosed is as follows:

Haines House, Haines, Alaska Orphanage native only ( 2 views)  
Sitka- Sheldon Jackson School (2 views)  
The Princeton Boat - 61 ft. long  
The Lindsley "  
Hoonah - Farming Section school. Also Church and Manse (2 views)  
Pt. Barrow skyline  
Cape Prince of Wales (3 views)  
Gambell (2 views)  
Dr. S. Hall Young  
Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Trusting these pictures will reach you promptly, I am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery's Office

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✓ Princes - House Orphanage  
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✓ Sitka - Sheldon Jackson  
School -

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✓ Hoonah - Farming Section  
School -

Pt. Barrow <sup>Supply</sup> Photos -

Cape Prince of Wales  
Gambell - Mr. Kipp  
Mrs. Godard

Dr. Hall Young -  
Sheldon Jackson -



January 7, 1932

Miss Ann Bannan  
Wales, Via Nome  
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan:

Your package of photos, dated November 14th, has just reached me and I am so pleased and delighted with them that I want you to know at the earliest date possible how much I appreciate them. You by your fine letters and photos have made your work so attractive that if I had a right to, I could have it underwritten several times. I wish all of our missionaries had the ability of making plain just what their missionary task is. It is a very great gift indeed to be able to give publicity of the right kind to one's work. Some of our very best missionaries are entirely incapable of telling about their own work. The people like to hear the human, intimate things of the work, which you have given us so beautifully from time to time.

A wire from Dr. Greist to Youel at Fairbanks under date of December 11th states that there have been two cases of cerebro spinal meningitis in Barrow, one of them fatal. I am very much disturbed by this report for fear that this dread disease may take on an epidemic form as it sometimes does. If it does, Dr. Greist will have his hands full. He has done most remarkably well under conditions that would break an ordinary man. I sincerely hope for his sake, as well as for the sake of the village, that there will be no epidemic at Barrow.

We are trying to bring influence to bear on the Government so that it will take a more advanced position in the reindeer business than it has already taken. I wrote out a resolution the other day to go to the Home Missions Council which met January 4-6 in Toronto. I understand that day before yesterday this council took action at my suggestion, calling on the Government to do two things. First, to separate and segregate the herds of the Lomans and the natives and, second, determine definitely the ranges so that there may not be in the future any intermingling of the deer. So long as herds are allowed to graze on common ranges, or even contiguous, that are not protected one from the other by some natural boundary like a river, there will be intermingling of the herds and it does look to me that every time the herds get mixed up the natives are the losers.

This is for your information. I should not be surprised if a representative of the Indian Rights Association would go to the Seward Peninsula next summer to investigate this situation from the point of view of insight into and friendship toward the natives. In case such a representative goes, I shall hope that he will visit Wales and in case he does, will furnish him with credentials so that you may be able to put him in touch with natives from whom he may get information that will help sustain their cause down here in the States.



Miss Ann Bannan -2- January 7, 1931

The Lomen interests are very strong and apparently have the inside track just now. We hope, however, that we can change the attitude of the public, but that change can only be brought about by giving the facts.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

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January 22, 1932

Miss Ann Bannan  
Wales, via Nome  
Alaska.

My dear Miss Bannan:

In a day or so I will mail to you a mimeographed copy of a protest that has been filed with the President, by Mr. C. L. Andrews of Seattle, against the reappointment of Judge G.J. Lomen of Nome.

I am advised from Washington that there is a possibility - a vague possibility, perhaps - of a public hearing to be held in that city, if and when the Reindeer Council makes a separation of ranges as between the Lomens and the Eskimo. The Lomens will protest, of course, and it will be necessary to have as much real evidence as possible.

Now here is what I would like to have at as early a date as you can get it out by mail: all circumstantial statements regarding the raid or raids which the Lomens have perpetrated against the Wales' herd; all circumstantial accounts of all their acts of depredation and spoilation. In other words, I would like to be able with this material in hand to speak for not only the mission people at Wales, but in behalf of all of the people. We feel that the time has come when the Government will permit the missions to be heard in this matter. Anything that you can give in the way of facts that can be offered as testimony will be appreciated.

Thanking you for the favor and with many kind regards, I  
am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

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Wales, Alaska, January 29, 1932.

Dr. A. J. Montgomery  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York

Dear Doctor Montgomery:

I am enclosing herewith my list of "wants" for next year. I am sorry I did not get them off earlier this month but I trust you will get them in February or early in March.

I think I have coal enough. My house is so much warmer I am not burning as much this winter as other years. Possibly it might be well to get three tons more, as the teachers never have more than they need and I could not borrow in case I run short. When the Holmes arrives I will be better able to judge whether I need more or not. I may have to get something else when the Holmes arrives. I seem to have run short of kerosene this year, altho I am using the same number of oil lamps.

I have had a deer and a half this year and it has been cold enough so the meat has kept well and I have not had to use much of my canned meat. As 1933 is my year for furlough; if I have any food left over it can be turned into the native store and the Board given credit.

My lemons are keeping very well this year and I still have about half a case and several dozen oranges. The onions and potatoes are also keeping very well.

Yours truly,

*Ann Bannan*



Wales, Ala ka, February 12, 1932.

Dear Friends:

The holidays seem a long way off now but I know you will want to know what we did this year so I shall proceed to tell you. We are having a wild blizzard today and the house is very cold but I am thankful I have plenty of fuel.

In October the school superintendent sent a large pine tree to the teachers (guess it came from the Yaken) and they set it up in the schoolhouse a week before Christmas and let the children decorate it. It was the first tree these youngsters had seen so it was very interesting to them and received a great deal of their attention. It was taken to the church for the Christmas eve program.

I did not begin doing up the Christmas gifts for the natives until the 14th of December and for months I had been wondering what I'd give them. I was surprised when I began to work to find so many things for them. Last year I did not use all that was sent in so these things helped very much this year. There is precious little left in the Mission closet now but everyone will be remembered.

Our organ is next to useless and the men who sing had gone trapping, so I did nothing but furnish material for the teachers to use for the program; they did all of the work. As I did up the gifts and three pound bags of candy and nuts ~~xxx/xx~~ I packed them into paper cartons and one day the thought came to me to build a fireplace and use those boxes of gifts for it. The teachers liked that idea and so the 23d after the children had gone home, we and Lewis carried the boxes over and made the fireplace. By covering all the boxes with red tissue paper and marking the bricks with white chalk, putting a wide board up for a mantle with a tall red candle at each end and a jar of poinsettias between them, the result was quite pleasing. At least, we three were pleased. Last summer a number of long candles came in one of the boxes and we put two in each window of the church and their light was lovely. The young people had helped to decorate the church and they had done a good job. Everyone was very interested in the fireplace and no one suspected that it was a pile of gifts. Mr. Hemming explained what it was and that the red cloth with a lantern burning back of it and the few wads of red paper were supposed to be a fire burning in the grate.

This year we had to hunt for a Santa Claus and finally Clyde said to help us he would take that part but he did not want to. We had the program in the evening and everything was done well and the children looked so clean, happy and bright we had lots of pleasure in just watching them. Other years we have not had any of the program in Eskimo but this year I found a lovely little Christmas story illustrating the scripture verse "Ye do unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me" and Robert translated it into Eskimo. The little play which the lower grades gave was interpreted first by one of the schoolboys and the old natives liked having the interpretations, as it is hard for them to understand our English and still harder the English of the little Eskies when they are excited and frightened.

Santa was fine. He came in with one large bag of the gifts which the natives had been bringing to my house. He said his deer were gone and he had to carry what he could, so he had little for us. He read the names and gave these gifts away, then he said he had to rush up to Shishmaref with just a Merry Christmas for that village. Our people began to sit up and look around. Santa finally found the gifts which the teacher had piled under the tree for their scholars and he gave these away and was ready for Shishmaref again but we insisted he must hunt up a few more



gifts for Tala natives. Finally one of us whispered to him to hunt around the fireplace and he was splendid and finally he found a big box which he pulled out from the back and when he began calling for help in distributing the contents, several young boys marched right up on the platform and took a look into that box to make sure that he had really found some more things, then they went back to their seats and sat down. A big sigh seemed to go up from every section of the room, then everyone relaxed and we four enjoyed watching that very contented lot of people.

In the fall I told the women of the Mothers' Clubs I had some yarn and very little to give the men this year; handkerchiefs, towels, tablets and soap "peluk" (bone). I showed them some fine long wristlets which the girls had made last winter to give away at Christmas time and suggested that the women make some for their menfolks. The women picked out their yarn and got busy. Several of the women had never ~~learned~~ learned to knit and one found it a very difficult job but the other three said they were very glad to have this chance to learn to knit and I was interested in their progress. Their girls had learned to knit in school and so helped the women to make different designs and the women are very proud of their work and the men say they are delighted to have those long wristlets, which help to keep them warm when they are off trapping and hunting. They all call them "whislets".

This year the trapping has been very good but the price of pelts is way down. The natives are desperately hard up but we rarely hear a word of complaint. The two Mothers' Clubs met regularly up to Christmas and I kept urging the women to make two sets of garments for each child that goes to school. They had been wearing the worst looking rags for underwear and stockings. I had some outing flannel and several cotton blankets which we used and the women worked hard to get each child's outfit made. This winter the children look so much cleaner and better dressed than in former years. Since Christmas they have kept up their cleanliness, which is a great satisfaction to us. The boys are almost wearing their hair off by so much care of it: they each got a tooth brush and a fine little pocket comb in their bundles.

We all thank you home friends for your share in our very happy Christmas and for the warm clothing the natives will have to wear this winter. May our Father bless each one of you abundantly for your kindness to us.

Ann Bannan



A. J. Montgomery

Miss Towne

April 19, 1932

Miss Ann Bannan, Wales, Alaska, has just sent in some material that possibly may be of advantage to us in connection with the reindeer controversy. Would you kindly send her at the above address a copy of the April women and Missions? Thank you. Address, Wales via Nome, Alaska.

A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

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July 27, 1932

Rev. George J. Beck  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Beck:

Your letter of July 13th has just been received. I am immensely gratified that Dr. Limouze was so helpful. I have coveted for a long time the presence of some of our headquarters people in Alaska and I am glad that he has been so helpful, not only at Ketchikan, but also at Metlakatla.

Like you, I am very much disturbed over Mr. Saunders leaving. He had developed a fine attention to detail matters and I was hoping that he might grow into the kind of a chairman for the National Missions Committee that would be of great use to the cause in Alaska.

You ask how the drink question is going to be settled. I am sure I cannot even guess as to the immediate future. All the large papers in the United States are either subsidized by wet money or else they naturally take to the wet side. The generation that has come on the stage since 1918 knows nothing about the evils of the saloon and hence they have become converts in great numbers to the wet propaganda. To my mind one of the most sinister things in the life of our country just now is the terrible ability of the advertising agencies to direct the minds of the people. If the Amendment is repealed, the next day every newspaper in the United States would carry full page advertisements telling what kind of liquor a baby should drink; what kind should be given to a growing child; what kind administered to a child in school; what kind a business man should take and so on. This country will pass through an orgy, unbelievable, if the Amendment is repealed.

I rejoice over your statement that some of the canneries are running and that there is a little more employment. That statement would be true over a large portion of the United States just now. Things are slowly looking up toward the better.

With kind regards,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director  
Town and Country Department

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Ketchikan, Alaska,  
156 Steadman Street,  
July 13th, 1932.

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Dr. Andrew J. Montgomery, D.D.  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. Montgomery:-

In speaking for myself and the presbytery of Alaska I can assure you that we all feel a great sense of loss in your leaving the Board. We know you have had our interests at heart and it will be a long time before any one else can take the place you have made for yourself in our hearts. However God knows all about it and he has wonderful plans for this great old world and all things will work out in some great way.

We have felt greatly blessed by the presence with us of Dr. and Mrs. Limouze. They seemed to enter right into the situation. The Doctor knows just how to reach and teach all classes of men and I know Ketchikan will be the better for his visit. Ofcourse our work like all other churches was upset by the summers work but at the same time we did manage to get together a few people.. Wednesday night sixty people turned out to hear him and Sunday evening when there were a great many other attractions offered over the fourth of July, Base Ball games, three attractive Picture shows, steamers in and other things going on, we had an attendance of one hundred and twenty five. Not a great crowd but a worth while one. We had a very profitable time at Metlakatla and the people everywhere are talking about his sermons. I believe great things could be accomplished in Ketchikan if we could get a man like Dr. Limouze to come in once in a while to stir us up.

I am so sorry that Mr. Saunders is going to leave the work what is the matter with our young ministers. Many of them who are willing to make the sacrifice demanded by this work up here dont seem to have the ability to do the work and those who have the ability dont seem to have the spirit of sacrifice. There are times when I almost get discouraged.

How is the drink question going to be settled? is there any way out.

We have had a few wonderful days here this summer but most of the time it has been raining.

Some of the canneries are working and a little more employment is to be found. I feel we shall soon have better times and this depression will all work out to the honor and glory of God.

Trusting this will find you in good health and spirit I am  
Most sincerely yours

*Geo. J. Beck*



